



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Bernard Calas et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed June 2, 2003, setting a three (3) month period for response which expired on September 2, 2003 and which has been extended three additional months to December 2, 2003, amend the above-captioned applications as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** being on page 8 of this paper.